

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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## MARCH CIRCULAR 2018

1. All walks meet at Altrincham Station car park at rear of station. When submitting a walk indicate the transport mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. The decision to cancel or change a walk is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) will only be taken on a walk with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to Altrincham Rambling Club.
5. It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed to the relevant walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the document 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

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### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** OGDEN, WINDY HILL & WHITE HILL **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460/07985 983252)  
**Park Cars** Free CP Ogden Reservoir or on lane. GR SD953123, Postcode OL16 3TF. Toilets. M62 to J21, follow A640 Shaw, through 3 roundabouts. In approx 0.6m turn left at traffic lights, after 0.8m turn left onto Ogden Road (signpost "The Bulls Head") continue onto Private Road, CP on left by reservoir.  
**Details** From Ogden Reservoir to Piethorne and climb to Windy Hill. From mast follow Pennine Way to White Hill and return via Ram's Head, Readycon Dean and Rooden Reservoirs to Higher Ogden and cars. Mostly tracks and moorland pathways, short roadside walk and fields, muddy, but super moorland views on a fine day.

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### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** MARSDEN **Leave 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)  
**Park Cars** Standedge Visitor Centre Car Park at GR SE0471218. Approximate Post Code HD7 6AX. Where Leaders will meet. Take the M60 to Junction 23 and then the A670 which becomes the A62 to Marsden.  
**Details** From the Car Park along the Canal to the Tunnel Entrance and then up to Moss Moor Edge and back.

**Area** LYMM **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Dave & Judith Burns, 962 7927 (Mob 07740 593045)  
**Park Cars** Crouchley Lane free car park, behind the Church Green Grill, GR SJ684867, Post Code WA13 0AS. From Altrincham travel to the Bowden roundabout and take the A56 to Lymm for approx 4 miles. At the top of the hill before the dam you see a signpost for Lymm Dam/ Rugby Club car park on the left. Go into Crouchley Lane before Church Green Grill and St Mary's Church. We shall aim to leave car park at 10.00am  
**Details** This circular walk leaves Lymm Dam, passes through a couple of muddy fields, before becoming a fairly flat walk with half a dozen stiles. Some well-defined tracks and short lane walks before heading back via the canal to Lymm. Has tendency to be muddy underfoot at the beginning. We shall pass Primrose Hill Nurseries, Great Oak Farm, Deansgate Hall, Wildersmoor Hall Farm, Lymm High School and St Peter's Church.

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### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** LYME & BAKESTONEDALE **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Colin Turner, 973 7770 (Mob 07495 829417)  
**Park Cars** Wood Lanes Village GR SJ936817. From Poynton double roundabout take the A523 towards Macclesfield. In one mile (after crossing the railway) at the white house turn left into Street Lane, follow this road and at the T junction turn left and follow the road to park on the verge opposite the bungalows.  
**Details** Crossing the canal to Lockgate Farm, Harrop Brow, Birchencliffe to Bakestonedale Moor, then on to Further Harrop Farm, Sponds Hill, Lyme Park, Redacre Farm and Mitchell Fold, then along the canal back to the cars. NB. there is a steep descent before Harrop Farm which may be a bit tricky depending on the underfoot conditions.

**Area** MARPLE **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Heather Wykes, 01625618782  
**Park Cars** Brabyns Park car park, GR SJ963894. A626, past Marple Station, take left into car park by white house near bottom of hill.  
**Details** By canal locks to Marple golf course, then follow Middlewood Way to Chadkirk & Hyde Bank Farm, returning by the canal.

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### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** RUDYARD FROM RUSHTON SPENCER **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460/07985 983252)  
**Park Cars** Free Staffordshire Way CP at rear of Knot Inn, Station Road, Rushton Spencer. GR SJ935625, Postcode SK11 0QU.  
**Details** From old railway track climb through farms to Great Hough, follow trail to Horton, east to Lyme House, then Harpers Gate and Rudyard Lake to cars. Mostly farmland, will be muddy, with undulations but no steep ascents.

**Area** HAZEL GROVE/HAPPY VALLEY **Leave 9.30** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Beryl Hunwick 928 3644  
**Park Cars** Small car park at the corner of Poynton Lake, GR SJ923E847. Turn left at Poynton town centre, taking the A523 towards Hazel Grove. Immediately after Poynton Lake turn right into Anglesey Drive where there is a small car park on the right. If full, it should be possible to park on Anglesey Drive.  
**Details** Lovely walk by Ladybrook, through farmland and woods, with only one short climb and some lane walking. There are a few stiles (one tricky) and it can be muddy in places. In two places the walk will take you very close to the road works for the new link between the A6 and Manchester Airport and our route may vary at one point depending on whether or not a new footpath has been completed.

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### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** LITTLEBOROUGH **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)  
**Park Cars** Visitor Centre at Hollingworth Lake. Pay & Display. Also Toilets and Cafe. GR SD939153. Post Code OL15 0AZ. Where the Leaders will meet. M60, M62 leaving at J21 towards Milnrow and follow signs to Littleborough & Hollingworth Lake on the B6225.  
**Details** "A Lake & Six Reservoirs" – Hollingworth. Half way around the Lake, up to Bib Knowl and down to the Rugby pitches, past Castle Hill, up to Tunshill Lane. Down past Ogden Reservoir to the Rochdale Way (Toilets). Along past Kitcliffe Reservoir, Piethorne Reservoir and the small unnamed Reservoir and up to and past Rooden Reservoir to the Rochdale Way, past Norman Hill Reservoir back to Hollingworth Lake via Tunshill Lane, and the Pennine Bridleway to a well-earned cup of tea / coffee and cake, etc. Few stiles, mostly good paths, some mud dependent upon the weather!

**Area** HOLMES CHAPEL **Leave 9.45** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.80**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Outside Hermitage Primary School (fronting onto Hermitage Drive), Holmes Chapel, GR 767675. Take A50 out of Knutsford, through Cranage, to 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout at Holmes Chapel. Turn left here on to A535 (Macclesfield Rd.). Hermitage Drive is on left and cul-de-sac to school is 500 yds on right.  
**Details** Taking the Dane Valley Way towards Cranage, and joining Twemlow Lane, we traverse fields and woodlands, with views of Jodrell Bank, reaching Twemlow Viaduct (main London line) and back along another stretch of the Dane Valley Way and River Dane.

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### WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH

**Area** COWN EDGE WAY **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £2.60**  
**Leader(s)** Mary and Alan Gerrard, 980 7508  
**Park Cars** From M60, J27 (Portwood), take the A626 towards Marple. After approx 2.6 miles turn right onto the A627 and in 0.5 miles park in the large layby on the left, GR SJ 935877 (just after the entrance to Stockport Golf Club). It is used by HGV's so please park together.

**Details** Short road walk to pick up the Cown Edge Way, which we follow to join the Macclesfield Canal at Hawk Green. Leaving the canal, follow field paths via Ridge Fold, Lomber Hey House, Windlehurst, Broadoak Farm and onwards to rejoin the Cown Edge Way back to the cars. Can be very muddy in parts and some tricky stiles.

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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** LANCASHIRE RAMBLE, CHORLEY **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.80**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Billington & Alan Gerrard, 485 4119 (Mob 07880 588392)  
**Park Cars** Overflow Car Park at Botany Bay Mill, GR SD591193. Take M61 northbound, to J8, Botany Bay Mill. At the traffic island turn right, then at next island turn right again into the mill car park. Drive passed the car park and mill to the overflow car park beyond and park. (Where leader will meet.)  
**Details** Healey Nab, Limbrick, Grey Heights Wood, White Coppice, Brinscall Hall, Monks Hill, South Miry Fold Farm, Heapey, and return.

**Area** ADLINGTON **Leave 9.45** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**  
**Leader(s)** Derrick Hamer 969 3821  
**Park Cars** Park in lay-by on A523 near Legh Arms Pub, GR 912806  
**Details** We make our way to the Macclesfield Canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green Farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Syperson Pool and Higher Doles Farm, then back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

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### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** DELAMERE FOREST **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733 270371)  
**Park Cars** Barnsbridge Gate Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road. Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.  
**Details** A walk mainly on tracks through the Delamere Forest along the Sandstone Trail and Delamere Way to Eddisbury Lodge and Pale Heights, and Linnere Visitor Centre. Return to the cars by Hart Hill and Hatchmere. Views extending over seven counties if the weather is good. This is the walk cancelled in January due to high winds.

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### FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH (GOOD FRIDAY)

**Area** CHATSWORTH **Leave 9.15** **8/6.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Judy Bailey, 928 1156, & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (with help? from John & Ian) (Mob 07462 332713)  
**Park Cars** The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House, GR SK261703. Parking fee to be shared. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard, where toilets are available, and aim to start the walk by 11 am.  
**Details** The traditional Good Friday Walk at Chatsworth. We shall start with climb up through Stand Wood to leave the Park, cross the Rabbit Warren and through Hell Bank Plantation to Beeley, on to Calton Lees, Calton Lees Houses and the interesting Estate village of Edensor, to return to the cars, hopefully in time for tea and scones! This walk has some magnificent views of Chatsworth and the Park as well as the surrounding countryside. A shorter version (6.5 miles) will be available by returning from Calton Lees directly to Chatsworth along the River Derwent.

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### LEADERS WANTED

#### Sundays

April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29<sup>th</sup> - "C" walks, up to 6.5 miles. All offers of walks for these dates and beyond - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

#### Wednesdays

Several dates in April and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks. Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on your walks to Phil Worsley.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome new member John Wood to the Club.

Mary Clarke would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind expressions of sympathy after Roy's death. Also, Mary is holding a 'gathering' on Saturday 10th March from 2-5pm at the Newhaven Café, 10 Tulip Drive, Timperley, WA15 6LP, for all who knew Roy but were unable to attend his funeral, and to celebrate Mary's 90th Birthday. Parking on Tulip Drive, café entrance on Brookway. If you would like to come along, please contact Judy Bailey (Tel 0161 928 1156, Mob 07401 519951 or Email [judith.bailey5@gmail.com](mailto:judith.bailey5@gmail.com)) by 28th February.

The Club regrets to announce the death of Former Member, Brenda Rose. Brenda passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> February in Wythenshawe Hospital. Her funeral will take place at Altrincham Crematorium at 12 noon on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The Club also regrets to announce the death of Former Member, Christine Leonard, who passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> January. We send our condolences to Muriel Lowther, Christine's sister, other family members and friends.

We send best wishes to Sue Hancock who is undergoing a stay in hospital after being taken ill. Sue will require an operation in the near future but we look forward to her being out walking again before too long.

On a happier note, several members have just or are about to celebrate significant birthdays. Jim Mallin has recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Joan Holmes, Mary Clarke, Bernard Butterworth and former member and Chairman, Gordon Bird, have recently or are about to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. Our congratulations to them all.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### COACH TRIPS.

The programme for 2018 has been finalised.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Grassington       | Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May   | Dolgellau |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June    | LLanberis         |                               |           |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July | Grange over Sands |                               |           |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August  | Kirkby Stephen    |                               |           |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | Church Stretton   | Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. | Hawes     |

The cost will be £13 per trip. Further details will be published nearer the time. No bookings taken at this time.

The social trip this year will be to Blackpool on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October to see the illuminations. The cost will be £12 per person. Please check the circulars for further information and when open for bookings.



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